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At the March 10, 2010 Board Meeting, the Kansas Board of Pharmacy selected the National Precursor Log Exchange (NPLEX) system to serve as its statewide, real-time electronic tracking (e-tracking) system to block illegal sales of medications containing pseudoephedrine (PSE). This decision implements Kansas legislation passed last year (S.B.33) requiring such an e-tracking system. This system will be funded by the manufacturers of over-the-counter (OTC) medicines containing pseudoephedrine and operated by Appriss, Inc.

The database will allow pharmacists and law enforcement to determine at the point of sale whether the buyer has exceeded his or her legal limit. The system will allow people who legitimately need cold medications to purchase it without a prescription. It offers an effective solution for stopping illegal PSE sales and helping law enforcement identify meth cooks. It is also the only solution that works across state lines to stop meth cooks from escaping detection by making purchases of PSE in multiple states.

Under current law, pseudoephedrine can only be sold at a pharmacy and must be kept behind the counter. Buyers must show identification and sign a register. Under the proposed system, pharmacists will enter the buyer's name into the database and get immediate information indicating whether the buyer is over the legal limit. It is a real time, electronic tracking system that blocks illegal purchases store by store, city by city, and state by state to prevent meth cooks from making illegal purchases. Under the contract NPLEX will provide free training to pharmacy staffs on how to use the system. They will also provide free training to law enforcement personnel on how to spot suspicious purchases.

Kansas is the fifth state to choose NPLEX for e-tracking. Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois, and Louisiana have also selected NPLEX.